IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Atty Dkt. 2551-109 In re Patent Application of C# M# 1648 C/A.U. Maertens et al. Serial No. 09/899,303 Examiner: Bao Qun Li Date: April 14, 2004 Filed: July 6, 2001 PURIFIED HEPATITIS C VIRUS ENVELOPE PROTEINS FOR DIAGNOSTIC AND Title: THERAPEUTIC USE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon. ☐ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached. Fees are attached as calculated below: Total effective claims after amendment 0 minus highest number \$ 0.00 \$ 18.00 previously paid for 20 (at least 20) =X Independent claims after amendment minus highest number \$ 0.00 \$ 86.00 previously paid for (at least 3) =х 3 \$ 0.00 If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper) Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this \$ paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$420.00/2 months; \$950.00/3 months) 0.00 \$ 0.00 Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 0.00 First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$770.00) Please enter the previously unentered , filed Submission attached Subtotal 0.00 -\$ 0.00 If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract Applicant claims "small entity" status.

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